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JAPAN PAYS OFF

Following West Germany's agreement to pay the United States almost a billion dollars, in post-war aid debts, Japan has now agreed to pay almost half a billion to Washington for post World War II foreign aid from the United States.

Germany not only agreed to pay a sizable sum but this past year (1961) she paid most of the amount ahead of time to ease the dollar crisis. West Germany had ten years to make the payments but in 1961 paid one lump sum of $650,000,000 — which was most of the total.

Now Japan, after ten years of negotiations, has agreed to pay $490,000,000. The United States originally sought a billion dollars but the various Japanese governments for the past ten years could not agree to pay this much and finally the lesser figure was agreed upon.

The result will help the dollar and it partly vindicates the aid program of the United States in the postwar years. The main vindication of this aid program, of course, is the two strong democratic allies, Germany and Japan, which stand by the United States in foreign policy today.

JAPANESE TOYS

Where does Santa have his workshop? The answer to this question may easily classify your vintage. Only a few years ago, the easy answer to this question would have been the North Pole.

Today, many parents still stick to the stock answer that the North Pole is where Santa maintains his workshop. There are a growing number of parents who, realizing their children's aptitudes for reading, solemnly declare that his workshop is also located in Japan. More and more, the toys under the Christmas tree are appearing with the trademark, "made in Japan".

Many of these toys are made by American companies who have extended their operations to Japan, to include Japanese manufacturing plants. These toys are no longer the cheap penny and five cents variety, but are expensive, well made toys, in a large variety of prices.

Not only have the American manufacturers taken advantage of the Japanese labor, but the Japanese ans themselves very strong in the toy business. It is reported that many Japanese have imported Italian designers and other key people to make the quality of their goods more in line with the keen toy competition of the world.

Santa may continue to reside in the North Pole, but it is increasingly evident that his expanding workshop is in the Orient, namely, in Japan.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What does smoke tell us about the coming weather? Does soot sometimes play the role of weather forecaster?

Both smoke and soot sometimes indicate the nature of approaching weather. Most often they tell of approaching rain or bad weather. Smoke that curls downward from a smokestack indicates unstable weather, probably rain or even a storm.

Soot which falls down a chimney into a fireplace below indicates a falling barometer, and the approach of rain.

Smoke that rises steadily, not necessarily vertically indicates good weather ahead. Vertical smoke columns reveal a lack of wind, or frontal movement; this sign could mean that no weather change is imminent for a day or so in winter though in summer the value of a vertical smoke column as a weather indicator is highly questionable.

T B ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES PROJECT

The Southside Tuberculosis Association announced today entries for the Columbia Scholastic Press Project for 1961. The entries received by the Association were: "The Oriole Highlights", Amelia High School, "The Voice", Russell Grove High School, Amelia, "The Rams Horn," Blackstone High School and "The Torch', Lunenburg Training School. Subjects for the contest were: 1- Our School Helps Our Community Fight TB. 2- Health Work, Health Science and our Futures. 3- Our Health and the Air We Breathe.

Judges for the local level were John Steck, Managing Editor, the Farmville Herald, Mrs. Robert Swinson, Registered Nurse, and Mrs. Nellie Coles, Public Health Nurse for Prince Edward County.

Sponsored jointly by the National Tuberculosis Association and Columbia Scholastic Press Association, the contest has three principal aims. They are to alert young people to their responsibility for their own and their neighbor's health, to encourage responsible citizenship by giving students an incentive to investigate and report on health resources and problems in thier community, and to raise the standards of school journalism by recognizing outstanding achievenement in the presentation of factual material to the student public.

Mrs. Anthony said all high schools in the nine county area, served by the Association, having a school news-paper, were invited to participate in this contest. Awards and Winners will be announced and trophies presented immediately after the state judging takes place at the Virginia Tuberculosis Association, in Richmond.

U. S. weighs sale of cotton to U. A. R.

F. C. C. chief calls TV censorship alarms "fales."

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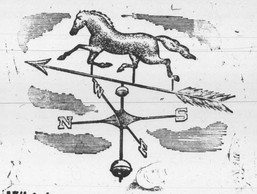

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Stonewall

January 8th. We really had a bad week last week. Snow, rain and sleet, but so glad to see the sun shine on Sunday. Hope it stays clear a long time.

Sorry to hear Mrs. S. E. Anderson and Mrs. Martin Krause are on our sick list., Hope for all our sick ones a speedy get well.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Sept Spencer in Petersburg. Mrs. Spencer has been sick but glad to hear she is better.

Misses Madlyn and Eloise Bondurant, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bondurant, Jr. and two sons visited in the same home last Sunday night.

Glad to know Mr. Dan Carson has returned home from the hospital. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings visited Mrs. H. B. Jennings in Charlottesville Hospital last Thursday. So glad to know she is getting on so nicely after an operation last week. Hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Monroe Dyers also visited her over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stratton and family visited Mrs. Bessie Stratton and the LeGrande sisters on last Sunday. Glad they found them so well.

Mrs. Hugh Braford and children and Mrs. Minnie Burnett visited Rev. and Mrs. Bert Wilson and family during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Laurence were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick, Sunday. They also visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard, on their way home. Glad to hear Mrs. Beard is better.

Mrs. John Hurt and Mrs. Neta Horton and children spent last week-end with their mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard.

Carrington Beard, of Richmond visited in the same home on Sunday.

So glad to hear little Tim Burnette has the cast off his leg after so long. We do hope and pray this dear little boy will soon be real well once more.

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